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PRODUCTION OF COTTON
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cotton crop for the new season is likely to be similar to that of the previous season;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether sowing operation in most of the major cotton growing States have been delayed; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the extent to which it is likely to affect the cotton production in these States?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) to (d): Cotton sowing generally starts with the onset of the monsoon in the country, as almost 66% of cotton area is rain-fed. However, in the irrigated areas in Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan, sowing starts from the first week of May except insome areas where desi cotton is sown from mid-April onwards. Therefore, it is too early to say about the prospects of cotton sowing in the coming season. So far cotton sowing has not been delayed.